

A trustee, intending to remain out of this country for a period exceeding one month can execute a power of attorney delegating his powers as trustee to an attorney or agent. A trustee power of attorney *must* be filed at the Central Office within 10 days of its execution (or if executed abroad, within 10 days of its arrival in England) accompanied by a statutory declaration by the "donor" or trustee-principal that he intends to remain out of the United Kingdom for a period exceeding one month from the date of the statutory declaration or from a date therein mentioned.

Where a deed is executed by an attorney, by virtue of a power of attorney—the attestation clause should read: "Signed, Sealed and Delivered by A. B. by C. D. his attorney in the presence of," etc., and the attorney should sign, "A. B. by C. D. his attorney/".

It must be borne in mind that in land registration cases, the Land Registry will, where the original power of attorney is in the possession of the attorney (i.e. has not been filed at the Central Office), call for the power to be filed in the Land Registry. It is better, therefore, to file the power at the Central Office in all cases, so that even if the office copy is lost or destroyed, a further office copy

can be obtained for a small charge. It should be remembered that a purchaser is entitled to have the power of attorney or a copy thereof given to him free of charge, if it was created on or after 1st January, 1926.

Where a power is over a year old, a purchaser is entitled to evidence that the power has not been revoked, or even further, that the donor of the power is still alive. This is usually proved by a